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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NIGERIAN CEMENT PLANT EXPANSION
PROGRAM

1. A NUMBER OF FIRMS HAVE RECENTLY ASKED COM/MEPD ABOUT
NIGERIAN PLANS FOR EXPANDING THEIR CEMENT PRODUCTION
CAPACITY. COMPANIES ARE INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON
NEW PLANTS AS WELL AS THE REFURBISHMENT OF OLD
FACILITIES. MEPD HAS GIVEN THE FIRMS INFORMATION CONCERN-
ING THE OGUN STATE CEMENT PLANT FEASIBILITY STUDY.
BENDY ENGINEERING AND CRESCENT ENGINEERING ARE MAKING
PROPOSALS ON THIS CONTRACT. WE ALSO EXPECT COMPANIES
WILL BE INTERESTED IN KWARA STATE CEMENT PLANT AS THE

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THAT MILL ARE FINALIZED.

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2. INDUSTRY SOURCES REPORT THAT THERE ARE SIX CEMENT
PLANTS IN NIGERIA. THE FACILITIES, LOCATION AND
RATED CAPACITY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

. CALABAR CEMENT CO. - CALABAR - 300,000 MT/Y

. CEMENT COMPANY OF NORTHERN NIGERIA - KALAMBAINA -

100,000 MT/Y

. LAGOS CEMENT - APAPA - CLINKER PLANT

. MIDWEST CEMENT - UKPILLA - 150,000 MT/Y

. NIGERIAN CEMENT LTD. - NKALAGU - 464,000 MT/Y

. WESTERN AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT COMPANY - EWEKORO -
600,000 MT/Y

TO GIVE US A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE MARKET WE WOULD
LIKE EMBASSY TO CONFIRM THIS DATA AS WELL AS SEEK
FURTHER INFORMATION ON PLANT OWNERSHIP, SOURCES OF
MAJOR EQUIPMENT (KILNS, PREHEATERS) AND PLANS FOR
EXPANSION OR REFURBISHMENT. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL
TO KNOW HOW NEW PLANTS (I.E. OGUN STATE, KWARA STATE)
RELATE TO THE EXISTING FACILITIES. ARE THERE ANY OTHER
MILLS UNDER CONSIDERATION? IN ADDITION, WHAT ARE
CURRENT AS WELL AS FORECASTED SHORTFALLS IN CEMENT
PRODUCTION VERSUS DEMAND, AND WHAT IS FMG TIMETABLE
FOR CLOSING THIS GAP?

3. APPRECIATE ASAP REPORT ON INFORMATION WHICH IS
READILY AVAILABLE. OTHER DETAILS REQUESTED COULD BE
SENT IN MESSAGES AS IT IS DEVELOPED.

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